

# Dodge County - Broadband Workgroup

## Wednesday, August 21, 2019

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## Minutes

### Call to Order

Jeffry Duchac, Broadband Workgroup Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### Workgroup Roll Call

Ed Benter  
Nate Olson

Jeffry Duchac  
Justin Reynolds

Becky Glewen  
Annette Thompson

Joe Marsik

### Others Present:

Lori Hill  
Ken Baehler

Jim Mielke  
Penny Baehler

Bill Ehlenbeck  
Mark Dodge

### Public Comment

No Public Comment.

### Review, Consider, Take Action: Broadband Workgroup Minutes

Motion by Ed Benter, seconded by Joe Marsik to approve the August 6, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

### Update on Public and Private Entities Supporting Dodge County's PSC Broadband Grant Application

Nate Olson reviewed the status of the outreach efforts to gain support for the PSC Broadband Expansion grant application. Mr. Olson indicated there is significant support, Letters of Support and community resolutions are being received.

### Review PSC Broadband Expansion Grant Status

Nate Olson reviewed the status of the PSC Broadband Expansion Grant; the grant has not been released yet.

### Review and Discuss the Service Provider Presentations from August 6, 2019

The Broadband Workgroup discussed the service provider presentations from August 6, 2019.

### Approve and Recommend Service Provider(s) to Apply for PSC Broadband Expansion Grant in Collaboration with Dodge County to the Dodge County Executive Committee

Motion by Nate Olson, seconded by Ed Benter to recommend to the Executive Committee that Dodge County should collaborate with Bertram Communications and Netwurx to submit a PSC Broadband Expansion Grant application.

### Review and Determine Action Items Needed by Dodge County Staff to Implement

The workgroup determined that a resolution should be created for approval by the Executive Committee and County Board, indicating the partnership between Dodge County and Bertram Communications and Netwurx to submit a PSC Broadband Expansion Grant application.

### Discuss Amount of Funding Dodge County Should Consider for PSC Broadband Grant Application

Nate Olson reviewed the draft Dodge County Capital Improvement Plan, indicating that \$100,000 is being proposed for 2020 and 2021 respectively. This funding would be used for the PSC Broadband Expansion Grant. Discussion followed.

### Make Recommendation to Dodge County Executive Committee

Motion by Ed Benter, seconded by Becky Glewen to support Dodge County contributing \$100,000 in 2020 and \$100,000 in 2021 for the PSC Broadband Expansion Grant as proposed in the Capital Improvement Plan. This funding is based on Dodge County obtaining a PSC Broadband Expansion Grant award.

### Discuss and Determine the Next Steps for Workgroup and Dodge County Staff

Discussion was held and it was determined that one resolution should be used for both the approval of partnering with Bertram Communications and Netwurx, as well as the approval of County funding amounts. The Workgroup determined Nate Olson should work with Kim Nass of Corporation Counsel to create a resolution for the Executive Committee and County Board. The Broadband Workgroup will continue outreach efforts to obtain Letters of Support and community resolutions. Also, Workgroup members will work with all points of contacts to work on determining areas of need in Dodge County.

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**Future Meeting Agenda Items**

The workgroup discussed items that should be placed on the next agenda, they included but are not limited to: update on resolution/discussion for the Dodge County Executive Committee and County Board and continue outreach efforts to obtain Letters of Support.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - 1:00 p.m. - Administration Building (Rooms 1H/1I)

**Adjourn**

Motion by Joe Marsik, seconded by Becky Glewen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Justin Reynolds, Secretary